

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives.

Approved February 28, 1866.

NUMBER II

February 21, 1866 *Joint Resolution to Congress asking for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a Ship Canal connecting waters of Lake Superior with Portage Lake.*

Preamble.

Whereas, The Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad, now being constructed from Saint Paul, head of navigation on the Mississippi, will open to our agricultural districts water communication by way of the lakes with the markets of the East and of Europe, thus encouraging one of our most productive sources of domestic income.

And whereas, The improvement of the navigation of Lake Superior becomes important to us, as a means of promoting the interests of producer and consumer, of increasing the commerce of the lakes, encouraging the industry of our citizens and adding to the wealth of the State of Minnesota and the nation. Now, therefore,

Duty to facilitate the transit of vessels.

Resolved, That it becomes our duty to approve and commend the devotion of time, talent, skill and labor, and the expenditure of capital, to facilitate the transit of vessels over these waters; to remove natural obstructions by the appliances of art; to designate to navigators the dangers of the voyage, and show how they may be avoided; to shorten the distance by the proper observations of the true channels; to mark out routes by which time and distance may be saved; and

by all proper means to extend and enlarge the commerce of these great inland seas, which are to us of the West, what the ocean is to our fellow countrymen of the Atlantic States.

Resolved, That the construction of a ship canal across the base of Keweenaw Point, from Lake Superior to Portage Lake, will promote these objects; and we declare our approval of that measure, as one of great public usefulness, worthy of our encouragement and designed to promote the general welfare. Recommends a ship canal.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to use their best endeavors to obtain a further grant from Congress of public lands to the Portage Lake and Lake Superior Ship Canal Company, if, in their judgment, this measure will expedite and secure the early completion of that work. To obtain grant of land to aid in construction of ship canal.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of these preambles and resolutions.

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NUMBER III.

A Joint Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their endeavors to obtain a grant of land to aid in the construction of Steamboat and Slackwater Navigation on the Zumbro River. January 25, 1866

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That our Representatives and Senators in Congress are hereby requested to use their endeavors to obtain from the United States a grant of land to aid in the construction of steamboat and slack-water navigation on the Zumbro river, from the To obtain grant of land to aid in construction of slack-water navigation on the Zumbro river